### IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS HOUSTON DIVISION

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| In re:                  | §   | Chapter 11        |
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| NB LOFT VUE, DST,       | §   | Case No. 21-32292 |
|                         | §   |                   |
| Debtor.                 | §   |                   |
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| Tax I.D. No. 81-6793665 | §   |                   |
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| NB VUE MAC, DST,        | §   | Case No. 21-32291 |
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## DEBTORS' EMERGENCY MOTION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) DIRECTING JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF THE CHAPTER 11 CASES AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

Emergency relief has been requested. A hearing will be conducted on this matter on July 22, 2021, at 2:30 p.m. (prevailing Central Time) in the Courtroom located at Courtroom 404, 515 Rusk, Houston, Texas 77002. You may participate in the hearing either in person or by audio/video connection.

Audio communication will be by use of the Court's dial-in facility. You may access the facility at (832) 917-1510. You will be responsible for your own long-distance charges. Once connected, you will be asked to enter the conference room number. Judge Isgur's conference room number is 954554.

You may view video via GoToMeeting. To use GoToMeeting, the Court recommends that you download the free GoToMeeting application. To connect, you should enter the meeting code "JudgeIsgur" in the GoToMeeting app or click the link on Judge Isgur's home page on the Southern District of Texas website. Once connected, click the settings icon in the upper right corner and enter your name under the personal information setting.

Hearing appearances must be made electronically in advance of the hearing. To make your electronic appearance, go to the Southern District of Texas website and select "Bankruptcy Court" from the top menu. Select

"Judges' Procedures," then "View Home Page" for Judge Isgur. Under "Electronic Appearance," select "Click here to submit Electronic Appearance." Select the case name, complete the required fields, and click "Submit" to complete your appearance.

If you object to the relief requested or you believe that emergency consideration is not warranted, you must either appear at the hearing or file a written response prior to the hearing. Otherwise, the Court may treat the pleading as unopposed and grant the relief requested.

Relief is requested no later than July 22, 2021.

COME NOW the above-captioned debtors and debtors in possession (collectively, the "Debtors") and file this the Debtors' Emergency Motion for Entry of an Order (I) Directing Joint Administration of the Chapter 11 Cases and (II) Granting Related Relief (the "Motion"), in support of which they would respectfully show as follows:

#### **RELIEF REQUESTED**

1. The Debtors seek entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto (the "<u>Proposed Order</u>"), (a) directing procedural consolidation and joint administration of these chapter 11 cases and (b) granting related relief. Specifically, the Debtors request that the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas (the "<u>Court</u>") maintain one file and one docket for all of the jointly administrated cases under the case of NB Loft Vue, DST, and that the cases be administrated under a consolidated caption, as follows:

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|                           | §                        |
| Debtors.                  | § (Jointly Administered) |
|                           | §                        |

2. The Debtors further request that the Court order that the foregoing caption satisfies the requirements set forth in section 342(c)(1) of title 11 of the United States Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"). The Debtors also request that a docket entry, substantially similar to the following, be entered on the docket of NB Vue Mac, DST, Case No. 21-32291 to reflect the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases:

An order has been entered in accordance with Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure and Rule 1015-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules directing joint administration of the chapter 11 cases of: NB Loft Vue, DST, Case No. 21-32292, and NB Vue Mac, DST, Case No. 21-32291. All further pleadings and other papers shall be filed in and all further docket entries shall be made in Case No. 21-32292.

#### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

- 3. The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1334. The Motion constitutes a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2). Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.
- 4. The bases for the relief requested herein are sections 105(a) of title 11 of the Bankruptcy Code, rules 1015(b) and 6003 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure (the "Bankruptcy Rules"), and rules 1015-1 and 9013-1 of the Bankruptcy Local Rules for the Southern District of Texas (the "Local Rules").

#### BACKGROUND

5. On July 6, 2021 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), the Debtors each filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. A detailed description of the facts and circumstances of these chapter 11 cases is set forth in the *Declaration of Patrick Nelson in* 

Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings (the "First Day Declaration"),<sup>1</sup> filed contemporaneously with this Motion and incorporated by reference herein.

6. The Debtors are operating their businesses and managing their properties as debtors in possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No request for the appointment of a trustee or examiner has been made in these chapter 11 cases, and no committees have been appointed or designated.

#### **BASIS FOR RELIEF**

- 7. Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) provides that "[i]f... two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against ... a debtor and an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates." Fed. R. Bankr. P. 1015(b). The Debtors that commenced these chapter 11 cases are "affiliates" as that term is defined in section 101(2) of the Bankruptcy Code. See 11 U.S.C. § 101(2). Local Rule 1015-1 provides for the joint administration of related chapter 11 cases. The Bankruptcy Rules, Bankruptcy Code, and Local Rules authorize the Court to grant the relief requested herein.
- 8. Joint administration of these chapter 11 cases will provide significant administrative convenience without harming the substantive rights of any party in interest. Many of the motions, hearings, and orders in these chapter 11 cases will affect each of the Debtors. The entry of an order directing joint administration of these chapter 11 cases will reduce fees and costs by avoiding duplicative filings and objections. Joint administration also will allow the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas (the "U.S. Trustee") and all parties in interest to monitor these chapter 11 cases with greater ease and efficiency.

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Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined in this Motion have the meaning ascribed to them in the First Day Declaration.

9. Joint administration will not adversely affect the Debtors' respective constituencies because this Motion seeks only administrative, not substantive, consolidation of the Debtors' estates. Parties in interest will not be harmed by the relief requested but instead will benefit from the cost reductions associated with the joint administration of these chapter 11 cases. The joint administration of these chapter 11 cases is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and all other parties in interest.

#### **EMERGENCY CONSIDERATION**

10. The Debtors request emergency consideration of this Motion pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(i) and Bankruptcy Rule 6003, which empower the Court to grant relief within the first 21 days after the commencement of a chapter 11 case "to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm." An immediate and orderly transition into chapter 11 is critical to the viability of the Debtors' operations and any delay in granting the relief requested could hinder their operations and cause irreparable harm. The failure to receive the requested relief during the first 21 days of these chapter 11 cases could severely disrupt the Debtors' operations at this critical juncture and imperil the Debtors' restructuring. The Debtors have satisfied the standards of Local Rule 9013(1)(i) and Bankruptcy Rule 6003 and request that the Court approve the relief requested in this Motion on an emergency basis.

#### NOTICE

11. The Debtors will provide notice to parties in interest, including: (a) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Southern District of Texas; (b) the holders of the 20 largest claims against each Debtor; (c) all secured creditors of each of the Debtors; (d) all applicable government agencies to the extent required by the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules; (e) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002; and (f) counsel for any of the

foregoing, to the extent known. The Debtors submit that, in light of the nature of the relief requested, no other or further notice need be given.

WHEREFORE, the Debtors respectfully request that the Court (a) enter the Proposed Order in substantially the form attached hereto and (b) grant the Debtors such other and further relief to which they may show themselves justly entitled.

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED this 19th day of July 2021.

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# **Certificate of Accuracy**

Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(i), I certify that the foregoing statements are true and accurate to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

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